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In re the application of
Shigekazu NAGAI et al.

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INQUIRY AND COMMENTS CONCERNING INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) submitted on
October 1, 2003 was considered by the Examiner and returned with
the Notice of Allowability on November 12, 2005.

However, the Examiner did not include his initials next to
Japanese citation JP2001-310225. Therefore, it is unclear from
the returned IDS form whether the Examiner considered this cited
reference. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the
Examiner supply a fully and properly initialed copy of the IDS
form, including the Examiner's initials next to the Japanese
citation, to verify that all of the references, including JP2001-
310225, were considered.

Secondly, in another Information Disclosure Statement submitted on November 10, 2004, the filing date for the present application was incorrectly indicated. Specifically, the IDS documents incorrectly indicated that the filing date of the application was January 10, 2003, whereas the correct filing date for the present application is October 1, 2003. It is noted that, despite this typographical error, the Information Disclosure Statement has been properly matched with the present application and is included in the image file wrapper. The applicant is still awaiting the Examiner's consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement and for the Examiner to return the initialed IDS form. When returning the IDS form, the Examiner is requested to manually correct the filing date for the present application on the IDS form.

This is a precautionary paper and no fees are due. Notwithstanding, should it be deemed that any fees, or deficiencies in fees, are due in connection with this or any accompanying communication, authorization is given to charge such fees to the Attorney's Deposit Account No. 07-2519.

Respectfully submitted,



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